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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE:VOLUNTARY VISITOR
PROGRAM

1. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR FATHER PEDRO LOMANA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROMOTION; PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AT UNIVERSIDAD SANTA MARIA LA ANTIGUA (USMA). BIODATA FOLLOWS BELOW.

2. FATHER LOMANA IS TRAVELING WITH THE RECTOR OF USMA, FATHER CARLOS ARIZ, TO SPEND A WEEK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA AT THE EXPRESS INVITATION OF MR. VERNON CRAWFORD, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT IS TO ARRANGE AN INTER-UNIVERSITY CONTRACT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PREFESSORS AND STUDENTS. THE TRAVELLERS DEPART PANAMA ON JULY 12.

3. FROM ATLANTA FATHER LOMANA WILL VISIT WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. IN BOTH CITIES HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF FOUNDATIONS OR OTHER PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS TO SOUND THEM OUT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING ASSISTANCE FOR THE SUPPORT OF A HUMANITIES PROGRAM AT USMA. THE POST HAS ALERTED BOTH UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE DRASTIC REDUCTION IN RECENT YEARS OF FOUNDATION FUNDS FOR OVERSEAS PROJECTS. NEVERTHELESS, FATHER LOMANA FEELS THAT, LOAK OF FUNDS NOTWITHSTANDING, THE CONTACT WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE USEFUL.

4. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ADVICE AND, IF FACILITATIVE
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ASSISTANCE IS POSSIBLE, THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE CONTACT

PERSON IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.

5. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

NAME: PEDRO HERNANDEZ LOMANA

PLACE OF BIRTH: MIRANDA DE EBRO, BURGOS, ESPANA

DATE OF BIRTH: DEC. 29, 1935.

EDUCATION: UNIVERSIDAD DE LOBAINA, SPAIN

PRESENT POSITION: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROMOTION

PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY, USMA

PAST POSITIONS: MUSIC TEACHER, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF PARIS;

DEAN, FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY CLARETIAN SEMINAR,

MADRID.

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